

## News Release

# Two Named Outstanding Alumni by the University of Minnesota Crookston

By Itollefs on Friday, October 24, 2014Two Outstanding Alumni were chosen by the Universityof Minnesota Crookston to be

recognized during the annual Alumni Awards Celebration during homecoming on Friday October 17, 2014. The two Outstanding Alumni were Theresa Helgeson '96 and Wayne Schertler '83. The evening also included the induction of the '97 Football Team; Bill Tyrrell, who was athletic trainer for the Golden Eagles for 18 years and led athletic fundraising for 8 ½ years; Scott Strohmeier '99 (football); and Karla (Thormodson) Isley '98 (basketball) into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Of the nearly 200 in attendance, more than 25 members of the 1997 football team were joined by many family and friends of the honorees.

Corby Kemmer, director of Development & Alumni Relations, along with Stephanie Helgeson, athletic director, served as emcees for the evening and special greetings from the campus came from Chancellor Fred Wood. The Outstanding Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed on U of M Crookston alumni by the alumni association. The award recognizes alumni who have displayed exemplary commitment and service to community, church, education, family, or in their occupational field. More than 120 alumni have been honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award since its inception in 1980.

The accomplishments of this year's Outstanding Alumni include:

Theresa Helgeson is a lab services coordinator in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, and has worked at the U of M Crookston for more than 10 years. Helgeson coordinates the operations of the campus greenhouses, orders supplies for the labs, as well as, supervising 9 to12 work-study students each year. She coaches the U of M Crookston's highly successful Mid-American Horticultural Society (MACHS) Team and serves as advisor to the Horticulture Club.

She is a member of the Minnesota Horticulture Society, the National Hosta Society, and a certified professional of the Minnesota Nursery Landscape Association.

Wayne Schertler is a partner with entero, LLC, and provides leadership and advisory services to the company operations. He has more than 20 years of experience in financial and executive management within the legal services, public accounting and professional consulting industries and an accumulated 20 years of executive-level experience in the legal industry with national law firms.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus--as well as 13 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

In the photo, left to right, are Wayne Schertler and Theresa Helgeson.



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